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DEVELOPMENT OF TELECOM INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the targets fixed and number of connections issued by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for Fixed Line, WLL and GSM during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether infrastructure has been developed according to the connections issued; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Sir, target and the number of telephone connections provided by BSNL and MTNL during the last two years and the current year (upto 31.10.2008), circle wise is given in Annexure-I, II, III & IV respectively.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The net addition in equipped capacity of Wireline, WLL and GSM connections of BSNL during the last two years and the current year up to 31.10.2008 is given below:

S.No. Item Unit 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 up to 31.10.2008

1. Wireline Lakh -0.95 -5.61 -3.91

2. WLL Lakh 13.78 18.39 3.96

3. GSM Lakh 76.55 51.15 52.59

In MTNL, suitable infrastructure by way of cables, BTS, Transmission equipment and OFC etc. has been provided.